GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat procured by the Union Government during the last year and in the current year alongwith the rate at which procured, State-wise;

(b) the total expenditure incurred by the Union Government on the procurement till date;

(c) the quantity of foodgrains permitted to be sold through PDS and in the open market out of the existing stock of foodgrains;

(d) whether the Government will make available the wheat and rice at cheaper rates in the public through the Fair Price Shops in view of the huge foodgrains reserves and the lack of their adequate storage facilities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): The quantity of wheat procured by the Government during the last year as well as current year is as under :-

(Fig. in lakh tonnes)

State	Marketing Year	
	2000-01	2001-02
Punjab	94.24	105.60
Haryana	44.97	64.07
Uttar Pradesh	15.45	24.46
Rajasthan	5.39	6.76
Madhya Pradesh	3.51	2.94
Delhi	-	0.50
Chandigarh	-	0.12
Himachal Pradesh	-	0.02
Bihar	-	0.43
Uttaranchal	-	1.40
Total	163.56	206.30

The Minimum Support Price (MSP) at which wheat was procured during the aforesaid period is as under :-

2000-2001 Rs.580.00 per quintal
2001-2002 Rs.610.00 per quintal

(b): The total expenditure incurred by the Government on procurement of wheat is as follows :-

Year	Qty.of Wheat Procured Qtl. (in lakh tonnes)	MSP Amount Rs./ Qtl.	Procurement incidentals Rs./Qtl.	Amount Estimated	Total Amount
2000-01	163.56	580	Rs.9486.48 Crore	135.94	Rs.2223.43 Crore	Rs.11710 Crore
2001-02	206.30	610	Rs.1258.43 Crore	167.20	Rs.3449.33 Crore	Rs.16034 Crore

(c): The allotment and offtake of wheat and rice under Public Distribution System by the States/UTs is as under :-

(In lakh tonnes)

Year	Allotment		Offtake	
	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice
2000-2001(April, 2000 to March, 2001)	113.67	160.91	38.43	76.33
2001-2002 (April,2001 to January, 2002)	109.27	142.11	41.86	65.65

During the year 2000-01, a quantity of 50 lakh tonnes of wheat was earmarked for disposal through Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic)against which a quantity of 8.86 lakh MTs (Prov.) was sold. From April 2001 to February 2002, a quantity of 41.69 lakh MT (Prov.) has been sold, upto 5.3.2002.

FCI was authorized on 4.9.2000 to dispose of 30 lakh MTs of rice under the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic)Due to negligible lifting of rice under the scheme, the same was discontinued w.e.f. 21.8.2001.

(d)&(e): In order to increase the offtake and to liquidate surplus stocks in the Central Pool, Government have reduced the Central Issue Prices of wheat and rice for APL populationfrom Rs.830/- per quintal and Rs.1130/- per quintal to Rs.610/- per quintal and Rs.830/- per quintal respectively with effect from 12.7.2001.